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In re Application of:

James O. Farmer, et al.

Serial No.: **09/899,410**

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For: **System and Method for Communicating
Optical Signals between a Data Service
Provider and Subscribers**

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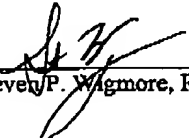
Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on October 24, 2003 (with a petition for a three-month extension and the appropriate fee to extend the due date to April 24, 2004), please enter the following amendments. Please also re-examine and consider the application in view of these amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims start on page 2 of this document.

Remarks start on page 7 of this document.

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